

القرآن الكريم

﴿لَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ﴾

(القمر: ١٧، ٢٢، ٣٢، ٤٠)

Question

I long to understand the Qur'ān but sometimes feel overwhelmed at learning Arabic. There are so many words in Arabic!

Also, is Arabic easy? Can you assure me and offer any advice?

Answer from the Administrator (with our Shaykh's checking)

Our advice is as follows:

1) Firstly, one should have correct *īmān* in the Arabic language and believe with certainty, that Arabic has been made easy to understand and learn. Moreover, one must know that Arabic is the easiest of all languages.

Allāh Himself has assured us of this when He said the Qur'ān has been made easy. This necessarily includes the language of the Qur'ān. Allāh سبحانه وتعالى says:

﴿وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ﴾ (القمر: ١٧، ٢٢، ٣٢، ٤٠)

And Who is more Truthful than Allāh?

﴿وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ قِيلًا﴾ (النساء: ١٢٢)

Of course none is more truthful than Allāh.

2) Secondly, please know that the Arabic language is a clear and logical language. This is one of the reasons why it is easy to understand. Allāh says:

﴿... وَهَذَا لِسَانٌ عَرَبِيٌّ مُبِينٌ﴾ (النحل: ١٠٣)

﴿حَمْدٌ * وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ﴾ (الدخان: ٢-١)

Arabic has logical grammar, language and morphological (*ṣarf*) patterns. And these patterns recur frequently in the Qur'ān. A good teacher will expose students to these clear, recurring language, grammar and *ṣarf* patterns, and do so in a practical and natural way. This will help students to quickly grasp these logical structures and will show them the clear and logical structure of Arabic as early as possible.

3) Thirdly, please be aware that the amount of words in the Qur'ān are very, very few compared to the amount of words in the Arabic language. So Qur'ānic vocabulary is very easy to acquire. Moreover, words are repeated in various literary styles. Repetition of words in the Qur'ān makes vocabulary easy to remember and understand.

4) Fourthly, the method of learning Arabic is very important. One should learn Arabic step-by-step, starting with what is easy and fundamental before learning what is secondary and detailed. One should also learn with a

teacher who is aware of the learning needs of non-Arabs. الحمد لله we are pleased to say our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim's Arabic learning books and courses pave the way for non-Arabs to learn and master Arabic in an easy, natural and unprecedented way.

These facilitations are by the Grace and Bounty of Allāh Who loves to make things easy for us, guide us, and lighten our affairs for us. Allāh says:

﴿يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ﴾ (البقرة: ١٨٥)

﴿يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ﴾ (النساء: ٢٨)

These bounties are a cause for every Muslim to rejoice, not a cause to be overwhelmed.

﴿قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا﴾ (يونس: ٥٨)

We invite every Muslim to fulfil their duty of learning the language of the Qur'ān.

We invite every Muslim to learn Arabic with new or renewed vigour after reading this, and to expose their hearts to the sweetness and tranquillity of the worship and remembrance of Allāh, in the language of the Revelation.

﴿أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ﴾ (الرعد: ٢٨)